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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GDR ON EC VOCATIONAL CENTER

1. DURING CALL AT DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 25, GDR DCM ELM ON INSTRUCTIONS PRESENTED GDR POSITION ON EC VOCATIONAL CENTER EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE WITH DISCUSSIONS AMONG SIGNATORIES OF QA, ELM STATED THAT HE MERELY WISHED TO PRESENT THE VIEWS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. GDR IS OF OPINION THAT EC CENTER DOES NOT COMPLY WITH PROVISION OF QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT FORBIDDING UNILATERAL CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF THE CITY. GDR CONSIDERS THAT MOST SIGNIFICAN
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PORTION OF QA IS THE PROVISION STATING THAT WSB NOT A

CONSTITUENT PART OF FRG AND CANNOT BE GOVERNED BY IT. ESTABLISHMENT OF EC CENTER CONTRAVENES THIS PROVISION.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPLIED THREE WESTERN POWERS HAD AUTHORIZED THE EXTENSION OF THE ROME TREATY TO WSB IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD PROCEDURES WELL BEFORE QA. THIS - THEREFORE PART OF THE EXISTING SITUATION MENTIONED IN QA. DEPARTMENT OFFICER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE PROPER FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE WAS BETWEEN THE THREE POWERS AND THE SOVIETS, NOT WITH GDR. IN REPLY TO GDR CHARACTERIZATION OF MOST IMPORTANT PART OF QA, DEPT OFF POINTED OUT

THAT QA CONTAINED MANY PROVISIONS OTHER THAN THIS, ALL OF THEM IMPORTANT, INCLUDING PROVISION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TIES BETWEEN FRG AND WSB.

3. COMMENT. ELM DID NOT ENGAGE IN DEBATE ON EC CENTER BUT CONFINED HIMSELF TO RELATIVELY BRIEF AND NON-POLEMICAL PRESENTATION. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, HOWEVER, THAT GDR HAS MADE FORMAL PRESENTATION ON BERLIN MATTER HERE. WE WERE POINTED IN TELLING HIM THAT BERLIN PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE EC ONE HE MENTIONED WERE FOR THREE POWER-USSR DISCUSSION. KISSINGER

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